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In re application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claims 2-18 and 22 as follows:*

2. (Amended) Binder compositions according to claim 1, wherein the curing agent system is composed of at least one curing agent having functional groups reactive with the polyester carboxylic acid groups and at least one curing agent having functional groups reactive with the polyester hydroxyl groups, and/or at least one curing agent having functional groups reactive with both the polyester carboxylic acid groups and the polyester hydroxyl groups.

3. (Amended) Binder composition according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid group containing amorphous polyester is composed of a dicarboxylic acid component comprising 50 to 100 mol percentage of isophthalic acid and from 0 to 50 mol percentage of another diacid